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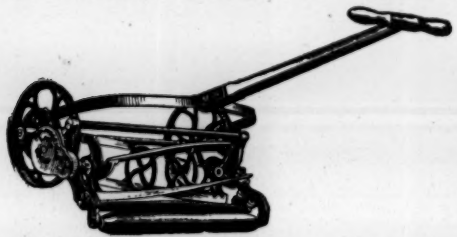
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EDITORIAL

JANUARY, with its New Year's resolutions and its possibilities for a fresh start in life, brings to mind the double-faced god who looked back into the past and forward into the future; a wise outlook if we would profit by our past mistakes and push onward with high hopes for great endeavors in the future. It falls to the lot of *The Keystone* to be ever on the outlook for questions which may promote the best interests of woman's organized efforts; and so, in looking back into past experiences and yet forward toward great undertakings, we realize at this first step into the New Year that there are two great factors in every successful organized effort which we would call to women's minds: First, *enthusiasm* to launch the cause, to see the great possibilities and benefits that it may hold within its influence, and once having ignited the fire and fanned the spark into a blaze, to cheer and warm, then to apply that second factor in a great achievement—*concentration*. Women, as a rule, are seldom wanting in the incentive force of enthusiasm, but there is often a lack of concentration in their efforts, both at home and abroad, which results in poor and unfinished returns. A great and calm concentration takes up the flambeau that enthusiasm has lit and sometimes lets fall in exhaustion, and bears it into the dark caves and over the rocky crags of life's journey. Enthusiasm sees the right and the high purpose, and concentration follows it up, remembering that right is sure to win in the long run and that it often wins in the early present if sufficient work is put forth. Concentration is an intellectual patience that has its perfect work; it is of the earth, a thing of time, but it makes for the things of the spirit. Who has not struggled with the *drop-stitch spirit* of the day; short cuts and quick methods to reach a longed-for goal? Who has not felt the great peace and rest that comes from the influence of a mind that can concentrate on any subject and apply its judgment and its reason to solve the problem and untie the knot that is right before us? Then, again, who has not sighed in distress before the mind that follows every floating feather and is diverted from the point in hand by every breeze and perfume that stirs the summer air?

Enthusiasm is temperamental, and the gift is not always equalized among men; but sympathy with humanity will develop it and warm the individual soul until it glows with a force which radiates that power which has made prophets, martyrs, kings, poets and heroes in the world's history.

Concentration is more an expression of the mind, and early training is in some measure responsible for it in many characters; but it can be cultivated by sheer force of will, and it is the anchor of many a great purpose and wonderful achievement of science and art. It oils the wheels of business, keeps the home in order, finishes what others have begun and failed to complete, and turns the raw edges and squares the corners in everyday life.

Women's organizations are planning for many undertakings in 1908; their purposes are high and their plans broad and far-reaching, and if they are animated by a spirit

of enthusiasm and sustained by the steadfast influence of concentration, knowing the end for which they are working and keeping it ever in mind, they may hope to see many cherished plans accomplished and much good wrought when time is called for the year's work done.

WITH the opening of the New Year Southern Federations of Women's Clubs will be deeply interested in the fate of several bills before their respective legislatures. The South Carolina Federation is working for three bills before their Assembly; one for the creation of a State Library Commission, one to secure a suitable maintenance for the Reformatory and Industrial School for Wayward Boys recently established by the State but not properly provided for in a financial way, and a third bill which aims to introduce the kindergarten into the public school system under certain local conditions. In Virginia the Federation of Women's Clubs is working toward the establishment of a library commission, while in Mississippi the Federation of Women's Clubs is still using its best efforts in behalf of a child labor law. A strong plea for this latter measure is urged in the Mississippi Federation official notes in this issue of *The Keystone* (see page 5). In each case these organizations are looking out for the needs of the weak and helpless and planning to lift them upward to plains of higher living. By faithful and unselfish effort for these ends, they may hope to see the accomplishment of their desires; for standing steadfast at one's post often brings many things to pass. The members of the various Assemblies appealed to will doubtless realize that this high type of womanhood is in earnest for the well-being of the State, and they will find some means to meet their desires and to promote, if only in part, their philanthropic and educational endeavors for those who need help and the aid of the State in developing that citizenship which makes for the greatness of a nation.

THE Stonewall Jackson Manual and Industrial School for Wayward Boys, in North Carolina, is receiving heartiest support in every direction. Besides a generous State appropriation, the town of Concord has given a tract of two hundred and twenty-seven acres and one thousand dollars to this school. A friend has donated a building to accommodate twenty-five boys, and another friend of the cause stands ready to clothe and equip the boys. This truly is an encouraging civic condition for any State.

THE fellowship of \$500 for 1907-08 offered by the Baltimore Association for the promotion of the university education of women, has been awarded to Miss Florence Lewis, of the University of Texas. Her academic record is as follows: A. B., University of Texas; A. M., Radcliffe; graduate student and instructor in mathematics at the University of Texas; graduate student, fellow and European fellow in philosophy at Bryn Mawr; graduate student, Radcliffe; student for one year at the Sorbonne and Zurich. Miss Lewis expects to use this fellowship this year at the Johns Hopkins University as a graduate student in mathematics. This fellowship is one of the educational prizes offered exclusively to Southern women, and it evidently has been bestowed upon an earnest and progressive student, one who will be an inspiration to Southern girls in their pursuit of the higher education.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, S. C., Corresponding Secretary S. C. F. W., Manager.

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(70 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

WITH the New Year comes always new opportunities for work, and new inspiration for a broader life, not only to us as individuals, but also as club women. May we have the strength and courage to meet each day's duties as they come to us, trying always "to be such women, live such lives, that if all women were such as we, and every life like ours, this world would be God's paradise."

Mrs. H. W. Beall of the Civic League of Sumter has been appointed as South Carolina's representative in the Health Department of the General Federation. The work to be undertaken by this committee will have special reference to the prevention of tuberculosis. I earnestly commend this work to the individual club women of our State, for above all other diseases is tuberculosis a menace to our homes. So give Mrs. Beall your hearty co-operation in her efforts to arouse interest in the ways and means by which our local health conditions may be improved.

The clubs have before them the work outlined by Mrs. Nichols in her well-prepared report, presented to you in the November *Keystone* in behalf of a Library Committee for the State. I hope every club will sign these petitions and send them in at the proper time to their legislators. The chairman of the Kindergarten Department, Miss Klink, at the request of the South Carolina Kindergarten Association, commend to your careful consideration the bill to be introduced at the next meeting of our Legislature, amending the Public School Law to the effect that the kindergartens may become part of the regular school system. This bill has the cordial support of the State Board of Education. If in any way our influence can be of service to our sister clubs let us not hesitate to exert it to the utmost.

Again, I most heartily urge upon the club women to use their individual influence with the members of the Legislature for favorable action upon the measure introduced by the Board of Trustees asking for an appropriation for the Industrial School. This at present seems to be the most that we can do. But we can loyally support the board in their endeavors to carry on the work placed in their hands, and we can both work and pray for its successful completion. So, again, I urge you to do the best that is within your power.

The meetings of the Executive Board of the State Federation will be held in Columbia, February 5th and 6th. The members of the board will be entertained by the New Century Club, and the first meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Burney at 4 o'clock, Thursday afternoon.

While our Federation will appreciate the honor shown Mrs. R. D. Wright in her election as President of the

State Division, U. D. C., still it is with deep regret that her resignation as Corresponding Secretary has been received and accepted. Mrs. Wright has always proved herself a most capable and efficient official in the service of the Federation, so that we who know her and have shown our appreciation feel that the Daughters of the Confederacy are to be heartily congratulated upon her election. Mrs. Wright's successor upon the Executive Board will be elected at the meeting of the board in February.

MARGARET SMYTH MCKISSICK,
President.

THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Nance November 8-14. The association tendered her a reception at the Gibbes Art Building on Friday afternoon, November 8th, at which time the club women and teachers of Charleston had the opportunity of meeting Miss Nance. The Charleston County Teachers' Association arranged for Miss Nance to give a public talk at the Meminger School on Saturday, November 9th, when Miss Nance spoke on the work of the School Improvement Association in South Carolina and her personal experiences in this work.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. Anthony Fly, McComb City, Manager.

President—Mrs. W. P. Mills, McComb City.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Frair's Point.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.
(36 Clubs.)

MRS. W. P. MILLS, President of the State Federation, announces gratifying activity on the part of the standing committees. She desires to bring to the notice of the clubs the English scholarship plan as outlined in *The Keystone*, and hopes to see Mississippi take her place in the line of competing States.

MRS. CRUTCHER, of Vicksburg, is helping to create public sentiment for a teachers' training school, through a series of newspaper articles which are being published by some of the leading State papers.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS have recently been placed in the Synodical College, Holly Springs.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Norfield, with Mrs. W. G. Payne as president and Mrs. G. M. Blake as secretary, are actively engaged in accumulating funds for a reading-room, of which \$108 is already in the treasury. A poverty social, given under the direction of Mrs. Marshall Dutton, was a source of much merriment and supplied the means for the purchase of some current literature. Mrs. Dutton is a subscriber for *The Keystone* and generously passes on her paper to her club sisters of that little village. This club also numbers among its moving spirits Mrs. C. S. Butterfield and Mrs. Susie V. Powell.

MRS. DELOACH, of Durant, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Household Economics in place of Mrs.

W. H. Smith, resigned. Mrs. DeLoach is urging the clubs to hold special programs in the interest of that department.

THE THURSDAY CLUB of Holly Springs has become a subscriber to *The Keystone*.

THE ART COMMITTEE is soliciting traveling art libraries, to be loaned to rural as well as city schools.

THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB of Meridian is rendering efficient service to the cause of child labor legislation in the way of special meetings, distributing literature, etc. The friends of this reform find much encouragement in the fact that the measure which has been *mothered* so long is now being *fathered* by those high in the service of the State, notably Governor Vardaman and Chief Justice Whitfield. The mass meeting which was held in Jackson December 12th and was participated in by advocates of the cause from over the State, was all that could have been desired. The meeting was addressed by Dr. A. R. Seddon and Dr. A. D. McKelway of Atlanta, of the National Child Labor Committee. Dr. Seddon gave the results of an investigation which he has made of the conditions surrounding the child workers in the industrial plants of the State, stating that 25 per cent. of the operatives are children under fourteen years of age, and half of that number are without education. Dr. McKelway pointed out that Mississippi is one of two States in the Union which have no child labor laws on their statute books. State Senator McDowell, who introduced the speakers, is preparing a bill to be introduced in the Legislature. Many prominent women representing the Women's Clubs, the King's Daughters and the W. C. T. U. occupied seats on the platform.

THE CULTURE CLUB, of Hazelhurst, and the Chrysanthemum Club, of Crystal Springs, in their floral exhibits at the State Fair, Jackson, have sustained their splendid reputations as successful growers of the autumn beauties. Most of the prizes were captured by half a dozen members of these two clubs.

MRS. EGBERT JONES, of Holly Springs, organizer for the Second District, and Mrs. H. L. White, of McComb, organizer for the Fifth and Seventh Districts, are busily engaged in their work of disseminating federation spirit.

MRS. THOMAS BRADY, of Brookhaven, chairman of the Legislative Committee, and her co-workers are awake to the needs of their department, and are active in the work for child labor legislation. Let every one rally to the cause and the question, "How long, oh my brothers, will you move the world on the heart of a child?" will speedily be answered right.

MRS. A. FLY.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak, Manager.

President—Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Daytona.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milo McNeal, Ormond.
(25 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

MEMBERS of Florida State Federation of Women's Clubs: Through the columns of your official organ your President sends you holiday greetings. May the year 1908 be an especially bright and happy one for you all, both as individuals and as club members! Of course,

the New Year brings to each club new work and new ideals. Among the latter, I would like to ask that, as a unit, we may respond to the wish and plans of our General Federation President, Mrs. Decker, in increasing the circulation of our club organs, viz., the *Federation Bulletin* and our own official organ, *The Keystone*. The plan to accomplish this and the forcible reasons why it is best and needful were dwelt upon at length in the Convention. Inquire of your delegates, and then elect your member in your own club who will circulate a subscription list. The price is so low, 75 cents per year for both journals or 50 cents for one, that you can not afford to be without it—at least one copy to each four members. Then all the numerous questions, as to what federation is, what civil service reform work and civic work mean to women in small towns, would be clearly set forth; and that this is interesting reading all who try it one month acknowledge. Will not each president who reads this Florida column consider it binding on her as a federated club president to appoint a soliciting committee and see that they do the work in no half-hearted way, so that Florida may keep abreast in her knowledge of what club women are doing elsewhere, especially as this is Biennial Year, and we hope for a strong representation in Boston from our State?

With many pleasant memories of intercourse with valued correspondents and new and inspiring faces,

I am, fraternally yours,

CLARA W. RAYNOR,
Pres. F. F. of Women's Club.

THE WIDE FIELD afforded by municipal civics opens up great opportunities to the women of today. Those economic questions that vitally concern her, such as: good order, good schools, good sanitation, clean streets, the beautifying of homes, school grounds and parks, come to her with appealing force. The first step toward civic improvement must be determined by the condition of each individual town, the simplest needs receiving first attention. In considering the subject of Civic Improvement in its various phases, it would be best to classify the different opportunities for improvement under the following five heads: social; physical, mental; moral; political.

First, as a social improvement, I would mention the Curfew Law. The number of young boys and girls found upon the streets during the evening hours is simply appalling, when we stop to consider the influence upon their young lives. No better or more important work lies before us today, than compulsory education, the juvenile courts and child labor.

Taking up the physical feature of Civic Improvement, we find the opportunities under this head numerous:—Clean streets; the doing away with objectionable billboards upon public property; the planting of trees upon the streets, in the parks, and school grounds; in short, anything which contributes to our sense of beauty in a community.

Third, the mental needs of a community life:—Establish libraries in towns where there are none, supply the reading-rooms with periodicals and magazines.

Fourth, the moral feature. We now come to a feature which we can not emphasize too greatly,—the keeping of our public life morally clean. The children should be educated in this important fact. We should insist upon the

highest moral examples and teachings in our public schools. The highest standards of morality should be maintained in all public proceedings; for with our public morals pure, there need be little fear for our politics, and the political feature will require little attention.

Civic Improvement means not alone the beautifying of a town by setting out trees and a few shrubs, but the furthering of good sanitation, the salvation of the children before they reach the juvenile court, and compulsory education.

Our clubs should be the agents for disseminating the educative influences of beauty among the people, through the artistic arrangement of parks, clean streets and attractive school grounds. Truly it has been aptly said that "Beauty makes for elevation of life."

KATHRYN THORP,
State Chairman of Civics.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE, Mrs. Arthur G. Cummer president, is the largest club in the State Federation. Their work embraces a large field of endeavor and is done in classes—an admirable way, as each member can do the work in which she takes greatest interest and thus bring out individual thought. This year's work comprises a class in Early American Literature, a travel class for the study of England, one for the study of Shakespeare; three classes in Art—china painting, nature study, clay modeling, and current events. A much appreciated work by the Philanthropic Department is the rest-room for tired shop-girls, where they can go with their luncheon for an hour's rest at noon. This work will continue indefinitely. The club has made its contribution to the Federation Women's Clubs kindergarten scholarship an annual contribution. What a grand educational work could be carried on in the State if each club in the Federation would follow the example set by Jacksonville!

MRS. C. B. FARRELL.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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Recording Secretary—Miss Sallie Simms Kirby, Goldsboro, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Cheatham Watkins, Henderson, N. C.
(33 Clubs—1,000 Members.)

EVERY village in this country may be bettered by a village improvement society. Let us, therefore, fellow club women of North Carolina, during this club year 1907-1908, set for ourselves the cultivation in our towns and villages of higher ideals of civic life and beauty and the promotion of public sanitation. Let us do the practical things. Attach these objects to the already formed clubs, or organize clubs especially for this work. Examine the health and sanitary laws you already have, and in many instances you will find them good but not enforced. See to their enforcement. You will succeed if you go about it in the right way. Urge a public sewerage system where you do not already have one. Look into your public water supply if it is not the best. Clean up your streets by providing receptacles on your street corners for paper and other rubbish. Have a public dumping-place provided, and see that every one uses it. Have a general cleaning-up day with every one helping. Plant trees

along your streets and in your public parks. Encourage each family to have its front and back yards as sightly and beautiful as it is possible to have them. Get the co-operation of the children by organizing them into children's leagues, and encourage school planting. Provoke the spirit of rivalry. Work in harmony with your town authorities, but do something to better the conditions in your town.

Other clubs have done just these things and been successful. Don't attempt too much at once, but do what you do well. "Keep eternally at it." We work up to our present ideals, or toward them, only to discover that we have cultivated a new set beyond the new ones. It is so in our civic work.

(MISS) ELIZABETH SCHWARBERG,
Chairman State Village Improvement Com.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SOROSIS (Wilmington) is active in assisting the city librarian with an entertainment for the benefit of the library. The club's special work for the winter is Civic Improvement. Enthusiasm runs high for making Wilmington a "City Beautiful." At the first meeting of the season the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That Sorosis be fully organized for "Civic Improvement," the president appointing a central committee of three and each member of Sorosis assigning to herself the duty of reporting to the central committee any needed reform or improvements coming under her observation; and the central committee, in turn, taking it up with the proper authorities.

Resolved, further, That any one not a member of Sorosis, seeing a needed reform, be asked to report same.

The question of forming a junior department was favorably discussed, and the matter left in the hands of a committee until the next meeting.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE STONEWALL JACKSON MANUAL TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL have accepted the 227 acres of land offered by the people of Concord as a site for the school. These good people have also given \$1,000. The first building, to accommodate twenty-five boys, is to be erected by a friend of the cause, and another friend is ready to equip and clothe the boys. Mr. Walter Thompson, of Concord, has been selected as superintendent of the school.

Would it not be a noble work for the North Carolina club women to erect and name a building?

FLORENCE M. COOPER,
Chairman State Charities.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF RALEIGH meets every Thursday afternoon. The first meeting in each month is devoted to business; for the others, the six departmental committees provide programs in turn. The business meetings are preceded by a social half-hour over the teacups, and the tedium of business is otherwise relieved by music.

The Literature Department is occupied with the study of the Arthurean legends, and at the November meeting entertained the club with an able paper on the subject in general and the coming of Arthur in particular. On December 12th the Music Committee provided a program on the "History and Development of Church Music." The club chorus, now forty in membership, continues to provide the club with music. On December 19th the meeting was in charge of the Domestic Science Committee, who arranged a talk, "Suggestions for a Southern Christmas Dinner."

Through the generosity of members the club has added to its equipment in the furnishing of the reception room.

A bazaar has been planned to raise funds for the club house.

THE CLUBS OF WINSTON-SALEM have entered into their year's work with much zest. The Woman's Reading Club is studying a few of Shakespeare's plays, while Sorosis, the Monday Afternoon Book Club and the Round Dozen are taking the Bay View Course, which this year offers a study of our own country. The Sorosis year book is especially attractive. One new feature is the arrangement of programs for the semi-monthly meetings, with special reference to the anniversaries of famous men's birthdays falling near those dates. Following out this idea, the meeting on January 22 will have a program on Stonewall Jackson, and a collection will be taken for the "Stonewall Jackson Scholarship Fund."

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, of Lenoir, has mapped out for the winter a study of "Famous Women." Each member selects a character, about whose life and work she arranges a program. Several writers of the day have been chosen, among whom are "Zona Gale," Margaret Deland and Miss Dickson ("O. H."). The club also discusses at each meeting items of interest concerning North Carolina and North Carolinians.

THE YEAR BOOK of the Woman's Club of Raleigh, is in our hands. In mechanical form it is in excellent taste. The material is so arranged as to give the reader, at a glance, a clear idea of the essential features of the club and its program and the definite place of the six departments in the year's schedule. The club has arranged for six lectures by non-club members.

THE STONEWALL JACKSON MANUAL TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. The following committees of the Board of Trustees were appointed at the meeting at Greensboro, October 8th, 1907:

Committee on Superintendent—J. P. Cook, chairman; J. H. Tucker, Caesar Cone, H. A. Royster, secretary, and Mrs. Coble.

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Committee on Schools—J. J. Blair, Mrs. Faison, Miss Shaw.

Committee on Finance—Caesar Cone, Mrs. Faison, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Burgwyn, Mrs. Cooper.

Committee on Industries—J. H. Tucker, H. A. Royster, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Coble, Mrs. Erwin.

Committee on Buildings—Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Burgwyn, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Faison, Mrs. Erwin.

Committee on Rules—Miss Shaw, Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. Coble.

It is understood that Mrs. Jackson is a member of all the standing committees.

GERTRUDE WEIL.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. S. Ledbeater, Alexandria.

(10 Clubs—500 Members.)

OUR President urges upon us renewed zeal for federation with the advent of the New Year. The suggestion that each club promote the organization of a woman's club in some near-by town or village or country neighborhood meets with her hearty approbation.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY is in receipt of the year book of the Cameron Club of Alexandria. One feature of the program that we might all do well to copy while we are so new to federation work and before we have all found *The*

Keystone and the *Federation Bulletin* indispensable reading, is current events in federation at each regular meeting of our clubs.

Let us all subscribe to *The Keystone* and the *Federation Bulletin*. The January issue of the latter will be particularly interesting as a home number. It will discuss ably some of the problems most vital to the home-maker.

THE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMITTEE, under the able leadership of Mrs. William M. Strother, herself a trained librarian, is working for a Library Commission for Virginia. The increasing demand upon the State Library for traveling libraries by schools and for books of study subjects by other organizations should strengthen the appeal in the eyes of the legislators. The last Legislature did great things for the schools of the State; the present one may be equally helpful to education by such legislation as is requested for the promotion of the usefulness and extension of public library facilities.

THE CIVIC BETTERMENT CLUB OF ROANOKE secured the services of a skilled landscape artist, who drew plans for a beautiful development of the Magic City. These plans utilize the natural picturesqueness of the place, in making provision for proper amount of open space, parks and drives. It was to pay for these plans that the Fall Festival was held. While the women came in for some kindly ridicule for buying plans for the carrying out of which there was no money in hand, everybody helped make the festival a complete success. Since "in Roanoke everybody works for the good of Roanoke," those plans will no doubt be adopted and executed in due time.

MISS NELLIE MARTIN, 1309 Clay street, Lynchburg, has been appointed by Mrs. Kyle to represent in Virginia, the Health Department of the Civic Committee of the General Federation, which is now working to exterminate tuberculosis.

THE CIVIC CIRCLE of the Lynchburg Woman's Club has undertaken to organize all the forces that are working for the extermination of the white plague in their home town and to conduct a vigorous campaign early in the new year.

A NUMBER of prominent Virginia club women attended the annual Educational Conference of Virginia, to be held at Roanoke November 26-29. Governor Swanson, Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the Co-operative Education Association; Senator John W. Daniel, Mr. J. D. Eggleston, Jr., Superintendent of Public Instruction; Mr. H. R. McIlwaine, State Librarian, are among the speakers.

ELIZABETH GISH.

I have had *The Keystone* and *Federation Bulletin* together ever since *The Bulletin* was made the official organ, and I would feel lost without them. Enclosed please find seventy-five cents for renewal of both. * * *

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Charles Perkins, 1547 Clinch Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

[The *Federation Bulletin*, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month advance sheets of the official General Federation News, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for January.]

THE State year books for 1907-1908 are beginning to arrive, and already the "Federation shelf" is assuming a more symmetrical and much-improved appearance. So far received are Wisconsin, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, and Colorado. Though varying in color of covers, these year books are exact in size and very attractive, besides being easy of reference and adaptable. An improvement in arrangement of committees formerly suggested in the *Bulletin* is repeated. There are mainly two kinds of committees in a State Federation, Business Committees and Standing Committees. Under the former would be classed Membership, Finance, etc. The latter embraces those which have the vital work of the Federation in charge. To separate these in the year book lists would be much more effective and "workable." For instance, to consult a list like this, "Credential, Art, Transportation, Music, Membership, Finance," etc., is most confusing. A more harmonious plan and the one adopted in the General Federation Directory is the classification alphabetically of the two kinds of committees under separate headings. This arrangement is commended to the consideration of State Presidents whose year books are in process.

Space does not permit an account of the autumn Federations visited, only to say that all were most encouraging, showing increasing interest, and splendid "team work" not only with sister States, but with the central body.

The journey closed with a few days in Boston, which were spent in considering Biennial plans. Unless all signs fail, the Boston meeting will be of great consequence. So much has been sung and quoted about "Southern hospitality" and "Western welcomes" that the New England women are bending their efforts to outdo both these much-lauded localities by giving to every visitor a combination of the two,—not the welcome and greeting of a sister, but the heartfelt embrace of the mother!

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MAIL. Several queries have been received from time to time of this order, "What are the duties of a presiding officer outside of those defined in the usual by-laws?" "Has the presiding officer any responsibility further than to announce the numbers on the program and introduce the speakers?"

From the fullness of the heart and because of much suffering the reply comes, Many duties outside those indicated. The presiding officer is hostess, sergeant-at-arms and janitor. She is responsible for the enjoyment of the audience, therefore, must see to it that the conditions are satisfactory. If there is confusion and whispering, it is a sure indication that the speaker is not heard. To introduce a speaker or musician while numbers of people are entering the hall is nothing short of a tragedy. Better lose much time and teach a lesson in good manners and kindness. The

presiding officer must constantly make effort to keep order, pleasantly, but persistently pleading, and taking a certain amount of confusion for granted, even though it is not apparent from the stage. The program is not for the platform and the three or five front rows, but for the whole assembly. It is her duty to see that the latter have their rights, even though she herself is deprived. Then, too, often and often an audience is made miserable by a sunny window blinding the eyes or a cold wind or insufficient light. All these can be remedied by the thoughtful presiding officer. It must always be true that, when the body is suffering, the brain lacks response to even the finest "feast of reason." The presiding officer must forget self, must think of the platform as her own drawing room and of the audience as invited guests whose pleasure is her heart's desire.

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE reports fourteen clubs admitted into the General Federation during October and November, 1907.

The chairman of the Membership Committee requests that all General Federation State Secretaries and all clubs wishing to apply for membership in the General Federation would read carefully the extracts from the by-laws printed on the back of the application blank. It will be seen that three things the Membership Committee must have before an application can be considered: First, the application properly filled out; second, the copy of the constitution, and, third, a letter of advice from the General Federation State Secretary.

The chairman now holds many applications from clubs which have failed to send a copy of their constitution, even after they have been specially requested to do so. She also holds other applications with the constitutions, waiting for a reply from the General Federation State Secretary. The committee is quite helpless in these cases, and the club is put at a disadvantage simply through heedlessness or indifference.

Further, the attention of all is called to that provision of the by-laws which declares that all applications must reach the chairman of the Membership Committee at least sixty days before the biennial. In this case that means that all applications must be received in Wheatland, Wyoming, not later than April 25, 1908, in order to be acted upon by this committee and to be in time for the club to send delegates to Boston. As Wheatland is one day away from the main line of the Union Pacific, it is to be hoped that every secretary will allow plenty of time.

HARRIET L. SHIEK, Chairman.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT of the General Federation, through its chairman, Mrs. Rufus Williams, has prepared a most valuable plan of work suggesting twelve points of special importance in arousing the public to the vital question of curing and preventing tuberculosis. This article is on file in *The Keystone* Reciprocity Bureau and may be obtained upon application.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

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Custodian of Cross—Mrs. L. H. Raines, 408 Duffy Street E., Savannah, Ga.
(Up-to-date Notes.)

THE SHILOH MONUMENT COMMITTEE, U. D. C., have accepted Mr. Wm. B. Matthews' offer and will sell on commission colored lithographs of the picture *Lee and His Generals*, painted by Mr. Matthews and exhibited on the Warpath at the Jamestown Exposition. The original painting is nine by eighteen feet and represents twenty-six Confederate generals, of whom but two are living now, S. D. Lee and Simon B. Buckner. The lithographs are

27x16 inches and are very attractive pictures. These may be secured from any State member of the Shiloh Monument Committee for 50 cents, postage paid. Half the price goes to the Shiloh fund for your State if you order through your State member. *Virginia*, Mrs. A. C. Wyckoff, Alexandria; *Florida*, Mrs. H. E. Stockbridge, Lake City; *North Carolina*, Mrs. I. W. Faison, Charlotte; *South Carolina*, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston; *Mississippi*, Mrs. J. G. Henderson, Corinth.

THE FLORIDA DIVISION, U. D. C., has been called upon to mourn the death of its beloved president, Mrs. Sheldon Stringer, in the past month. Mrs. Stringer represented Florida at the Norfolk Convention and contracted pneumonia while there. On her way home to Florida she stopped off in Columbia, S. C., with friends, and on the night of November 25th, after having been in Columbia only six days, she passed on to eternal rest.

Her two sons and her daughter were summoned by wire and were with her at the end. She was laid to rest in the old family cemetery at Spring Hill, Florida. The floral tributes from the Florida Chapter were beautiful and numerous, and telegrams of sympathy were received from all over the South. Mrs. Stringer's gentle ways and earnest devotion to the U. D. C. work had won for her many friends everywhere, who tender their deepest sympathy to her bereaved family.

THE CONFEDERATED SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION is making a special offer of their memorial volume, *History of the Memorial Associations of the South*, viz.: To deliver prepaid to any address one or more copies of this book at one dollar per copy. This book contains over seventy illustrations of Confederate monuments and pictures of prominent Confederate women. The proceeds of the sales will be devoted to the erection of a monument to Jefferson Davis in New Orleans, La., where death closed his honorable and eventful career. The corner-stone of this monument will be laid on June 3, 1908, the centennial of Mr. Davis' birth. Remittances and orders for these books may be addressed to Miss D. M. L. Hodgson, 1816 St. Charles avenue, New Orleans, La., or to Mrs. W. J. Behan, president, 1207 Jackson avenue, New Orleans, La. Chapters of U. D. C. or memorial associations might order these books in numbers and resell them for local work at the regular price of \$1.25.

IN THE DEATH of Mrs. Ruth H. Tesson, president of the Oklahoma Division, the U. D. C. of Oklahoma have lost a capable leader and the U. D. C. generally an earnest and faithful worker. With youth, strength and a love for the work, her life promised long years of usefulness, but an all-wise Father has willed to call her home.

The standing and special committees were well represented at the Norfolk U. D. C. meeting, as follows:

Mrs. Stone, Texas; Mrs. McSherry, West Virginia; Mrs. J. W. Teuch, Florida; Miss S. A. Smith, South Carolina; Mrs. Arthur Johnson, District of Columbia; Miss Mildred Rutherford, Georgia; Mrs. J. W. Heatfield, Illinois; Miss McGrath, Louisiana; Mrs. Jno. P. Hickman, Tennessee; Mrs. Chappell Cory, Alabama; Mrs. Jas. Y. Leigh, Virginia; Mrs. T. A. Blythe, Pennsylvania; Mrs. T. A. Latham, Tennessee; Mrs. Thos. Worcester, Ohio; Mrs. Jas. E. Alexander, Virginia; Miss Decca Lamar West, Texas; Mrs. A. B. White, Tennessee; Mrs. W. L. Kline, Missouri; Mrs. A. C. Wyckoff, Virginia; Mrs. V. E. Austin, Texas; Mrs. H. E. Stockbridge, Florida; Mrs. Jennie G. Henderson, Mississippi; Mrs. W. A. Collier, Tennessee; Mrs. W. R. Vawter, Virginia; Mrs. Mollie M. Rosenberg, Texas; Mrs. Geo. A. Lyon, Virginia; Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Florida; Mrs. Livingston Schuyler, New York; Mrs. Sidney Van Wyck, California; Mrs. A. T. Smythe, South Carolina; Mrs. W. J. Behan, Louisiana; Mrs. George S. Holmes, South Carolina; Mrs. Edgar Taylor, Virginia; Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Virginia; Mrs. B. A. Blenner, Virginia

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Yours truly, Mrs. P. O. EMANUEL,
Aiken, S. C. President Ed Croft Chapter, U. D. C.

"MADAME BUTTERFLY"

THIS beautiful Japanese opera, with its rich Italian harmonies, has just closed its second season in New York and is now touring the South. Henry W. Savage, with the same silver-throated songbirds that appeared in the New York engagement, a fine orchestra of fifty pieces and a magnificent equipment of scenery in a special train, started South Christmas week and presents this much-discussed opera at Charleston, S. C.; Augusta, Macon and Atlanta, Ga.; Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile, Ala.; Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville, Tenn.; New Orleans; Jackson, Vicksburg, Miss.; Paducah, Ky.; Ft. Worth, Dallas, Houston, Galveston, Austin and San Antonio, Texas.

The brilliancy and novelty of the setting of the opera are enhanced by the talent of the four prima donnas who alternate in the leading role of "Mme. Butterfly," the little geisha wife who flutters so affectionately through three acts to her pathetic end. These new singers are Phoebe Strakosch, the niece of Adelina Patti and Clara Louise Kellogg; Rena Vivienne, an American, whom Puccini found in Milan and who realized the ideal "Butterfly," Ethel Houston, a Southern girl, greatniece of Sam Houston, whose contralto voice is well suited to the music of "Suzuki," the faithful Japanese maid; while the third "Butterfly" is Betty Wolff, a German singer, whose release was purchased from the Mainz Opera directorate. Dora de Fillippe from Paris is M. Savage's fourth "Mme. Butterfly." The trio of tenors includes Mr. Schuller, Mr. Stiles and Mr. St. Willis, while Ottley Crans-ton, the barytone, has just returned from London for the part of "Sharpless." In Rudolph Koch as the marriage broker, "Goro," Mr. Savage has a buffo of marked ability. The music of the opera abounds in beautiful duel passages, while the stage setting is gorgeous with Japanese splendor and portrays with unusual fidelity the atmosphere of the Flowery Isle. The wisteria, the cherry and the balsam tree are used in the Japanese landscape effects and the costumes of the women add a final touch to a perfect oriental picture. The excellency of Henry W. Savage's operatic productions is too well known to need comment, and this rare opportunity offered the music lovers of the South to hear Puccini's latest masterpiece will be appreciated and encouraged.

"*Susan Clegg and a Man in the House*," by Anne Warner French, illustrated by Alice Barber Stephens, is now in its third edition. The author has made *Susan Clegg* a character in American humorous literature, and her fund of humorous anecdote and incident seems never to be exhausted. Mrs. French has recently acknowledged that this character is drawn from the impressions of her childhood during visits to her grandparents' home in Nunda, N. Y. She was familiar with the village life and character and imbibed the expressions used by *Susan*. In this last story the humor verges towards the coarse, and the chapter on the biennial, while very humorous, gives no idea of what a biennial meeting is. Mrs. French attended the St. Paul biennial of the General Federation and took a serious view of it at the time.
(Cloth, \$1.50. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.)

"*The Convert*," by Elizabeth Robins, the author of "*A Dark Lantern*," is a book of peculiar interest just now in view of the visit of Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson to this country. The story deals with political life in England today and touches on the influence of the *Women Suffragists*, showing how deeply in earnest their leaders are in promoting their cause. Some very interesting points are brought out in the various discussions and political meetings, showing the injustice of many laws regarding women. Besides being a good love story, the book shows how great an interest English women take in politics and philanthropy. This book may be considered a call to women to work in behalf of women—a plea for women to understand how poor unprotected women are provided for by the State.
(Cloth, \$1.50. The Macmillan Company, New York City.)

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. J. Perry, Lancaster.
Treasurer—Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg.
Registrar—Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville.
Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville.
(60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

THE twelfth annual convention of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., was held in Chester, S. C., December 3d to 5th, inclusive. The sessions were held in the opera house, the stage being beautifully decorated with Confederate flags, red, white and red, and handsome portraits of President Davis, Generals Lee, Jackson, Beauregard and Hampton and Miss Winnie Davis. The opening exercises consisted of a prayer by Rev. C. E. McDonald, addresses of welcome from the Mayor of Chester, Hon. Robert B. Caldwell, and Mrs. A. W. Klutz, representing the Chester Chapter. Mrs. M. J. Perry of Lancaster made the response for the division. The credential committee report showed this to be the largest convention this division had ever assembled, there being present ten officers (all the officers, except the Second Vice-President, who was detained at home by the illness of her son), one chairman of a standing committee and 65 delegates representing 40 chapters; the total vote of the convention being 104.

The President's report showed four new chapters formed in the past year, namely: Williamsburg Chapter, Kingstree, 8 charter members; S. D. Lee Chapter, Clinton, 37 charter members; Batesburg Chapter, Batesburg, 30 charter members; Ridge Springs Chapter, Ridge Springs, 34 charter members, making a total new charter membership of 109. Nineteen chapters had secured 309 certificates of membership; 45 chapters sent in yearly reports to the President in response to her call for the same. This report also stressed the importance of properly complying with the requirements for U. D. C. credentials as given in the printed instructions accompanying these credentials, explaining the desirability of always making the chairman of the South Carolina delegation a chapter proxy. The President recommended that the division adopt a by-law at this convention that chapters be required to send their lists of officers to the Division Corresponding Secretary by December 26th of each year, and that the secretary make up a full roster of all the chapter officers of the division and send to the U. D. C. Corresponding Secretary and the Division Recording Secretary by January 1st of each year, so that a State officer may know exactly how correct these chapter lists are. This recommendation was adopted, and in future chapters will record their officers in this way. The President also recommended the following, which were adopted:

That a Scholarship Committee be added to the standing committees of the division, to be composed of three members, *elected* by the Executive Committee, whose duty it would be to have charge of the details of all scholarships under the jurisdiction of the division.

An amendment had been sent out to provide for this change in the Constitution and this committee will have

charge of the Division Scholarship at Winthrop College and the U. D. C. Scholarship at Columbia University for this year. Under a recommendation of the President the Winthrop College Scholarship was opened to girls entering the Freshman Class and the Executive Committee reported \$138 in hand for this scholarship for 1908.

The matter of undertaking the marking of General Abner Perrin's grave at Fredericksburg, Va., was taken up as division work. At the recommendation of the President, a committee consisting of Miss May Robertson, Abbeville; Mrs. Burgess, Edgefield; and Mrs. M. J. Perry, Lancaster, took up subscriptions for five minutes and raised \$41 for this purpose.

Another recommendation in the President's report, which was adopted, was the decision of the division to apply for a window in Blandford Church, Petersburg, Va., in which they would place a suitable stained glass window to represent South Carolina, and the new President was requested to appoint a committee to take charge of this matter as Division Co-operative Work. This report also made a plea for the claims of the Shiloh and the Arlington monuments which the U. D. C. are building. In the removal to Georgia of Mrs. Genie English-Smith, the South Carolina member on the Shiloh Monument, the President took her place on this committee.

A telegram of greeting was received from Mrs. Faison, the President of the North Carolina Division, U. D. C., who it had been hoped would be the guest of honor at this convention. Telegrams of greeting from the South Carolina Division in convention assembled were sent to Mrs. Capers, an ex-president of the division, and Bishop Capers, and to the Texas Division, U. D. C., in convention assembled at Austin at the same hour. On Thursday a telegram of greeting was received from the Texas Division.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lynch of Cheraw, in her report stressed the necessity of chapters keeping on record in her office *exact* and *up-to-date* lists of their chapter officers, as in this way only can the chapters receive direct and without delay all the printed matter that should come to them.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kohn of Columbia, in her report showed that she had had printed and distributed five thousand application blanks during the past year. This was due to the new office of Registrar which was requiring the chapters to overhaul their membership papers and put them into correct form.

The Treasurer, Miss McMichael, showed in her report an expenditure of \$352; with a balance on hand of \$112.

Mrs. Reed Stony, the First Vice-President, into whose care the U. D. C. bazaar interests for South Carolina had been confided, reported liberal contributions from seven chapters received; but these had been returned, as the bazaar was not held at Norfolk as had been expected.

Mrs. Graham, of Greenville, the Registrar, reported that thirty-seven chapters had filed their membership application papers with her during the year, but as the system of registration is new in this division the chapters needed much help and instruction in this matter. At the conference on Chapter Organization on Thursday morning, Mrs. Graham was given time to show a blank application and explain all its

intricacies. It was decided that the Registrar should have a model blank application printed and send to each chapter, so that they would have some idea of how a properly filled out paper should appear.

The Recorder of Crosses, Mrs. Keitt, of Clemson College, reported 537 crosses bestowed, and her recommendation that typewritten lists of the names of the Veterans receiving the crosses be sent with the order was adopted.

The Executive Committee of the Division reported that the scholarship at Winthrop for 1907 was vacant. Twenty-nine girls applied for this scholarship. Nine girls took the examination for the Freshman Class; six passed the examination, but only two qualified properly in other respects, and these two failed to pass the examinations for the Sophomore Class, and for this reason the recommendation that the scholarship be open to the Freshman grade was urged and was adopted by the convention.

The following donations for 1908 were made to the scholarship fund: The President donated her traveling expenses to the Norfolk and to the Chester conventions, \$31.10; the Recording Secretary her traveling expenses to the Chester Convention, \$5.00; the Registrar the expenses of her office, including a loose-leaf ledger and postage, \$13.50. Chapters at Yorkville; Clinton, St. Matthews; James Island; "Dixie," Anderson, each, \$5.00; Prosperity, \$2.00. Other chapters promised to take up the matter for action.

The Historical Committee's report was made through its chairman, Mrs. R. D. Wright, of Newberry, who conducted the Historical-Literary session on Wednesday evening, at which time she also read her report. This department showed 42 manuscripts collected during the year, making a total collected of 327 manuscripts; 47 Rolls of Honor filed this year, making a total for South Carolina of 785. The Literary program for the evening was most interesting, and as follows: *A Camp-fire Dream*, a poem by "Kil Courtland," of Anderson, read by Mrs. Sharpe, of the Dixie Chapter; *Incidents Connected with the Battle of Sharpsburg*, by Col. D. A. Dickert, of Kershaw's Brigade, read by Mrs. Taylor, of Lancaster; *A Leaf from the Life of a Confederate Soldier*, contributed by Miss Fannie McCaughrin, Newberry, and read by Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens; *A Soldier's Reverie*, poem, by Miss Cora Hardin, Chester, read by Mrs. Julia Campbell, Chester; *Memorial Day*, a poem, by Kil Courtland, of Anderson, read by Mrs. Sharpe, of "Dixie" Chapter, Anderson. This program was most artistically set with an excellent musical program furnished by local talent in Chester and directed by Mrs. A. G. Brice, of Chester. It was as follows: Quartette, *Annie Laurie*, D. Buck, Mesdames Childs, Douglass, Aiken and Brice; *Fanfare*, from Overture to "William Tell," Misses Spratt and Carpenter; *Will of the Wisk*, Mrs. T. M. Douglas; *Sur l'Ocean*, Mesdames Childs, Brice and Aiken; Spanish Glee Chorus, *Estendian*, Mesdames Brice, Douglass, Childs, Aiken, Spratt, Simpson and Miss Lucile Hood.

The Historical Conference the next morning was most helpful, and it was decided that the incoming Historical Committee would prepare suggestive historical programs each month and leave their use optional with the chapters. The delegates were again reminded to never use the term

"Civil" in connection with the war between the States, and to say Memorial and not Decoration Day.

At this session the Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Chester, gave the division eleven books which had belonged to the Davis family, several having the name Varina Davis on the fly-leaf, which had been given him by Mr. Davis' private secretary when he went over some of Mrs. Davis' boxes of household belongings left in the depot at Chester, S. C. The division accepted the books with much appreciation; asked Mr. Simpson to write a detailed account of the history of the books, to be given with them to the Historical Committee; promised to return the books to the Davis family whenever they wished them, and instructed the Historical Committee to divide the books out among the chapters in the division which had permanent relic rooms.

At the conference on Chapter Organization, conducted by the President, there was much discussion on the subject of the correct filling in of application blanks, and the Registrar, Mrs. Graham, gave many helpful suggestions. The subject of disbanded chapters and returned charters was also discussed, and defunct chapters were urged to disband with due formality or to endeavor to hold themselves in proper form in the U. D. C. and the State Division.

In the absence of Mrs. A. T. Smythe, the South Carolina member of the Davis Monument Committee, Miss Washington of Charleston read her report, which showed the monument completed and unveiled. South Carolina had given \$1,920, making her stand fourth among the States in contributions to this fund; Virginia giving \$4,055; North Carolina, \$2,951; Texas, \$1,997; South Carolina, \$1,920. The Director had a few sets of the Sheppard pictures left which she was instructed to send to the various colleges in the States as far as they would go, and the following colleges received these pictures: University of South Carolina, Winthrop, Clemson, Newberry, Clinton, Charleston, Wofford; Furman University, and the Citadel. The corresponding secretary was requested to write and thank Mrs. Smythe for the work she had done for South Carolina on this committee. In the absence of Mrs. James Conner, the chairman of the committee for Volume II *South Carolina Women in the Confederacy*, her report was read by Miss Washington, a member of the committee. This report showed the committee's work completed, and Miss Washington stated that she had seen the books printed and ready for their covers at the printer's in Columbia the day before, so they would be ready for delivery by January 1, 1908. Chapters who had pledged money for this volume at the Orangeburg Convention were urged to pay their pledges at once to Mrs. James Conner, 37 Meeting street, Charleston. Other chapters or individuals wishing to secure this book should make application to Miss McMichael, Orangeburg, S. C., who will have eighty copies which the division will sell at \$1.25 each. All chapters which pledged contributions at the Orangeburg Convention, after having paid their pledges will receive copies of the book pro rated at \$1.25 each to cover the amount of their pledge.

The Reunion Fund Committee was fortunately relieved of any financial work on the subject of the State Reunion, because of the appropriation by the Legislature of \$3,000 for

this purpose last winter; so Mrs. Julia Campbell, of Chester, merely held her committee together ready to work if the need arose.

Mrs. Reed Stoney, the Chairman of the Portrait Committee, reported General Hagood's portrait in her possession and ready to be unveiled in the Senate Chamber in Columbia on January 19, 1908. The Wade Hampton Chapter, Columbia, had defrayed the entire expense of this portrait. She also reported that General Conner's friends had not been able to secure a satisfactory portrait of him so far. It was decided that Mrs. Stoney and the Wade Hampton Chapter should have entire charge of the unveiling ceremonies for the Hagood portrait on January 19th.

The South Carolina member of the Shiloh Monument Committee, Miss Mary Poppenheim, reported that Mrs. Smith having moved to Georgia this fall the Division President had taken her place and was looking after the Shiloh Monument interests in South Carolina. This monument is now one of the two great co-operative works of the U. D. C. The U. D. C. committee in charge of it will have one member from each State to receive contributions. From Mrs. English-Smith's report it was noted that \$143 was pledged in South Carolina to this monument last year. Additional pledges at this convention were as follows: Winthrop College; Ann White, Rock Hill; Kingstree, Greenville, Newberry, Florence, Marion, Pickens, Columbia, "Palmetto," Anderson, Orangeburg, each, \$5.00; R. E. Lee Chapter, Anderson, \$10.00; while the Charleston Chapter pledged at Norfolk \$10.00 annually until the monument is completed. The Division also ratified the pledge made at Norfolk that the Division as a whole would give \$25.00 this coming year to Shiloh.

Mr. Edwards, a veteran from Chester, appealed to the Division for co-operation in securing a Soldiers' Home in South Carolina. The convention decided to request the incoming President to appoint a committee to confer with the South Carolina Division, U. C. V., before it took any definite action in this matter, because of the belief that the large pension appropriation provided by South Carolina was more agreeable to the veterans than a Soldiers' Home at the present time.

The committee to work with the Veterans and Sons on the subject of the publication by the State of the Rolls and Rosters of South Carolina Regiments reported, through Mrs. R. D. Wright, the chairman, that they had met the committee of Veterans and Sons in Columbia and had appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House in behalf of the bill, but the bill was unfavorably reported.

The Keystone, the official organ of the Division, reported through Miss L. B. Poppenheim, that in the past year eight issues of *The Keystone* had carried eleven and a half pages of South Carolina Division official news, representing 2,500 printed words; six Division officers had used it for official notices and chapters were urged to subscribe to it to keep in touch with the State and U. D. C. work. In connection with this matter Mrs. McDavid, of Greenville, and Mrs. R. Stoney, of Columbia, gave interesting personal reminiscences of the Norfolk U. D. C. Convention; but the details of this meeting were printed in full in the December *Keystone*.

Chapter presidents should keep this report in mind in planning their year's work. A plea was made for a needy U. D. C. in Columbia and contributions were requested to be sent to Mrs. Reed Stoney, president Wade Hampton Chapter, Columbia, while another plea came for a valued member of the Association whose Christmas might be cheered by some material remembrances. Contributions for this needy U. D. C. to be sent to the Historian, Mrs. R. D. Wright, of Newberry.

After a very interesting discussion on the subject of the eligibility clause for membership in the U. D. C. the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

The South Carolina Division wishes to be recorded as being opposed to the admission of all "collaterals" further than sisters and nieces.

This matter must come up before the U. D. C. Committee for the Revision of the Constitution, and it would be well for every State convention to secure an opinion on this subject, so that there may be some idea of what the U. D. C. really want in this matter—a society based on *lineal* descendants or one based on *collateral* descendants from the Confederate man or woman. A by-law requiring all chapter reports to be reduced to three hundred words, so as to be printed in the Convention Minutes, was passed; also an article to the Constitution making the Recorder of Crosses an officer of the Division. The fact that South Carolina had drawn the scholarship in Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, with its free tuition and \$350 for expenses, was a source of much rejoicing at this convention, and the details of the awarding of this scholarship will be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee for this year.

The Memorial exercises took place at 12:30 on Thursday morning and consisted of prayer by Rev. Mr. McDonald, the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," and resolutions in memory of deceased members of the South Carolina Division presented by Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville, chairman of committee in charge. By roll call of chapters twenty-one deceased members' names were recorded in the minutes. The exercises closed with the hymn, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," and the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Simpson.

The election of officers took place Thursday afternoon and resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry; first vice-president, Mrs. Julia Campbell, Chester; second vice-president, Mrs. T. W. Keitt, Clemson College; third vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Davis, Clinton; fourth vice-president, Mrs. L. M. Gasque, Marion; recording secretary, Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. J. Perry, Lancaster; treasurer, Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg; auditor, Mrs. Dreher, St. Matthews; register, Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville; recorder of crosses, Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville.

A resolution was passed that in future chapters would be expected to send the names of their delegates to the Annual Convention as soon as elected, and at least ten days before the date of the convention, without notice from the hostess chapter.

The Abbeville delegation extended a cordial invitation to the Division to meet in Abbeville in 1908, which was accepted.

THE SOCIAL SIDE of the Chester Convention was opened by a beautiful reception, given by the Chester Chapter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jones on Tuesday evening, December 3d. At this entertainment credentials were re-

ceived and badges distributed, and friendly converse with delightful refreshments introduced the delegates to the charming and open-hearted hospitality of the city of Chester.

The midday lunches at the Opera House on Wednesday and Thursday were delightfully served, the delegates being seated at long tables beautifully decorated with fruits and flowers. The deliciously prepared and daintily served food, the pretty souvenir cards at each place and the kindly ministrations of the members of the hostess chapter in attendance made these recreation hours moments of unusual social pleasure.

The closing hours of the convention in Chester were made gay and bright by a lovely reception given by the Commercial Club at their club rooms, where music, dancing and refreshments helped promote the sociability of the hour.

The private entertainers in Chester were apparently unlimited. Everybody seemed to have three or four invitations out to dinner every day, and the Daughters returning to their homes remember with loving gratitude the hearty welcome, the unbounded hospitality and the pleasant hours afforded them by the noble men and women of the fine old town of Chester.

A SONG RECITAL

THE Charlton-Smith Subscription Concerts being given in Charleston, S. C., this winter are exceeding the anticipations of the most enthusiastic musicians of that city. The Sembrich Concert on October 19th was a brilliant musical success given to a large and representative audience, and an equally large and appreciative audience greeted the celebrated baritone concert singer, Mr. David Bispham, on December 7th. The classic dignity and reserve force expressed in Mr. Bispham's methods appealed to the most critical in his audience, while the quality and range of his noble voice interpreted with most satisfactory results the splendid and varied program he presented. The major part of the program was given to German songs, which were rendered with an intellectual perception modified by a depth of feeling pre-eminently artistic. Mr. Bispham's repose of manner comes from strength and versatility in voice and in culture; and in "O Ruddier than the Cherry!" Handel; "Widnung" and the "Two Grenadiers," Schumann; "Mit Einer Wasserlilie," Grieg; "Danny Deever," Damrosch; "The Mad Dog," Liza Lehman, he displayed the scope of his power from romantic song to solemn mood, through to rollicking fancy. Such a satisfying presentation of music as the Bispham Recital will long be remembered as an epoch-making event in the musical life of Charleston.

The third concert of the series will be given on February 7th by Mr. Harold Bauer the pianist, who arrives from Europe in January and will begin then his fifth-American tour in six years.

The series closes on March 7th, when Mme. Gadske, the celebrated Wagnerian prima donna, will sing in concert in Charleston.

For information as to prices and seats for the remaining concerts, address G. Hoyt Smith, P. O. Box 385, Charleston, S. C.

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THERE are two committees in the Virginia Division this year whose work will be watched with intense interest. One is the Maury Monument Committee, which has placed in the hands of Senator Daniel a bill to be presented to the present Congress, asking for an appropriation to build a suitable monument to that grand scientist Mathew Maury. It is a fact little known that Maury's knowledge and discoveries save to the world about a million a month. And yet, despite requests of foreign countries, he is today unhonored by his native land—the only excuse being that he was a Rebel. The committee hopes that the time has now come when such feelings can be laid aside and honor given where honor is due.

THE OTHER COMMITTEE is to apply to the Legislature for the enactment of some laws looking toward making the wearing of the Cross of Honor by any one except the original recipient, a misdemeanor. There have been reported some instances where crosses were borrowed for Reunions, or worn by young members of the family—or even found in pawnshops. The little crosses are of so small intrinsic value, and so priceless in sentiment, that they must not become a common thing.

THE NORFOLK MINUTES will be ready for distribution in the latter part of January. The Jackson Hospital in Lexington reports most enthusiastically.

THE RICHMOND CHAPTER, with aid from some of the other chapters, is making its usual preparation for the Christmas tree for the Veterans at the Lee Camp Home. The Hope Maury Chapter is planning to take the Confederate choirs to Richmond to sing at the Soldiers' Home and at the Home for Confederate Women. These young women always meet with a warm reception.

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[The editor of *The Keystone* has complied with Mrs. Wills' request and has donated these copies of *The Keystone* to the North Carolina Division, hoping that the chapters will co-operate with us in our efforts for this column.]

DEAR *Keystone*: I have not had the hoped-for responses from the North Carolina Chapter officers to signify their recognition of the usefulness of this department and a desire to co-operate in making it useful. I wish to ask you to send a sample copy to the Chapter historians whose names I inclose, with this article marked, so that each of them may consider it a personal appeal for help of this kind. If each one will send me a postal card with some item showing whether or not her chapter is making any active efforts in the U. D. C. work, it will furnish me the material for an interesting report and one that will each month appeal more and more strongly to our patriotism and to the sincere intention to make our organization perpetual.

The Daughters of the Confederacy have undertaken this task; let them not shirk it. Let them not suppose that any others will perform it as well—if at all. This column may be made a means to that end by keeping us in touch with each other, each month hearing what the others are doing, and vieing with one another in showing abroad the good work. Our Confederate Veterans are daily obeying their last summons; their children are sometimes left to our care; let this sacred duty never be neglected. Let any unusual case be reported, that all may, if needful, do something to help; or at any rate extend sympathy. Dear sisters, "Daughters," let us all pull together!

The five new chapters and eight children's auxiliaries organized in 1907 in North Carolina (see our President's report to the General Convention) show that our Division is still growing, and our chapters are alive and doing.

The projected memorial to Henry Wyatt which it is proposed to erect as a drinking fountain on the Capitol Square in Raleigh is being promoted with enthusiasm, though the form has not been decided upon. Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Henry London the Division is actively supporting the cause of the monument to the Confederate dead at Arlington. North Carolina has also made contributions to the memorial to Major Wirtz. In regard to Major Wirtz, there is not a single name, not even that of President Davis himself, which should be more honored as a *martyr* to the cause of the Southern Confederacy. After conviction by false testimony of a crime of which he was innocent, and sentenced to be hanged, he was offered by agents of the United States Government a free pardon if he would implicate Jefferson Davis in the (alleged) cruelties at Andersonville prison. This offer was indignantly spurned by Major

Wirtz, and he suffered martyrdom for the country of his adoption. A full account of this, with evidence of the facts, can be found in the Minutes of the General Convention, U. D. C., of 1906, in the able address of Mrs. Nesbitt, chairman of the Georgia delegation. Every "Daughter" should be acquainted with these facts.

There is nothing more needed in our work than the study of our Confederate History and Biography, for ourselves and children to become familiar with the records of our heroes. No one object is more important to insure the efficiency and permanence of our organization, than the earnest and faithful search for these records and constant effort of our chapters to learn and teach them to our young children, that they be ready to take up our work efficiently when we lay it down forever.

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LIEBLER & CO. have succeeded well in the production of *The Square Man*. This play was presented in Charleston a year ago and it made so good an impression that when it came back to Charleston this year two large and appreciative audiences filled the Academy of Music on November 28th for the matinee and evening performances. The stage settings and accessories are most carefully carried out, and the cast is strong and well balanced. Henry Jewett as "Jim Carson" plays the part to perfection in a sympathetic, manly manner. Little Jack Forest makes a lovable and natural boy as little "Hal." Mr. Charles Chappelle as "Big Bill" wins the audience from his first appearance, while Mrs. Palmer as the Indian girl and Mr. Frank Campello as the Indian chief show that they have made a real study of the Indian character. The tragedy of the play turns on the misfortune of a marriage between a white man and an Indian girl, showing how two honorable and faithful natures from both races must suffer under these conditions. The moral side of the race question is artistically put, and the Indian strain introduced into the aristocratic English family is not out of place in this year of Pocahontas societies. The story is pathetic and at times almost heart-rending; but there is a healthy, clean atmosphere in every scene, and occasional bits of real humor lighten the tension. Such dramas as these indicate the upward trend of the modern drama as is always exemplified by the productions of Liebler & Co.

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